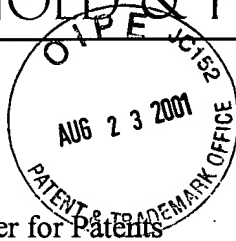


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The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. PTO Form-1449 (1 page) with 8 accompanying documents; and
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Respectfully submitted,

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